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For: METHODS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER A COMPOUND IS CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE INTERACTION OF A PEPTIDE WITH RAGE

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment to the above-identified application.

 X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. \$1.9 and \$1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. \$1.9 and \$1.27 is enclosed.

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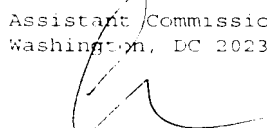
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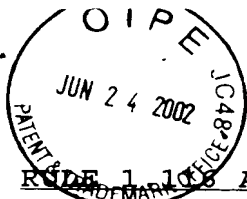
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 19, 2001 FINAL
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to a December 19, 2001 Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 19, 2001 Final Office Action was originally due March 19, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time. Applicants have previously established small entity status. The required fee for a three-month extension of time for a small entity is \$460.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the December 19, 2001 Office Action is now due June 19, 2002. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

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